
Guests: Julie Bannerman, Marcus Kemizan, Rebecca Stout.

ORDER: The chair, President Mark Becker, called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the March 17, 2011 Senate meeting were approved with no changes.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR: Since the State of the University address had been the day before, the President stated that his remarks would be brief. The response to the voluntary separation program has been great. He reminded everyone of the application deadline. Funds are limited and it is possible that the limit of applications could be reached soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Election of the 2011-2012 Executive Committee.** President Becker opened the floor for nominations. The names were recorded as nominated:

- Siva Nathan, College of Business
- Paul Alberto, College of Education
- Cecelia Grindel, College of Health and Human Services
- Jeff Rupp, College of Education
- Don Reitzes, College of Arts and Sciences
- Rose Sevcik, College of Arts and Sciences
- Katherine Willoughby, School of Policy Studies

The nominations were closed. Dr. Becker asked the senators to complete their ballots. The ballots were collected and tallied. While waiting on the results, the chair continued with new business.

B. The Executive Committee recommends a “do pass” on the following agenda items:

1. **Motion to Move Spring Break** presented by the Admissions and Standards; George Rainbolt, chair. This will modify the academic calendar. Spring break will be moved to later in the semester. This change will begin with Spring 2012. The question was called. The motion passed.

2. **Amend the Student Code of Conduct** presented by the Student Life and Development Committee; JoAnn Bacon for Steve Carey, chair. This change will allow the University to address incidents of off-campus student misconduct that present a danger to the University community. The question was called. The motion passed.

3. **Amend the University Statutes, Article I** presented by the University Statutes and Senate Bylaws Committee; John Duffield, chair. This will add the Honors College and delete the text that states that the BOR is required for any reorganization of colleges and schools. The question was called. The motion passed.
4. **Amend the University Statutes, Article VI** presented by the University Statutes and Senate Bylaws Committee; John Duffield, chair. This will make explicit the role that the Senate has traditionally played in the creation and abolition of colleges and schools. The question was called. The motion passed.

5. **Amend the Senate Bylaws, Article VIII** presented by the University Statutes and Senate Bylaws Committee; John Duffield, chair. This will add the Honors Dean to the Admissions and Standards and Academic Programs Committees. It will also adjust the proportionality of senators on the Academic Programs Committee. The question was called. The motion passed.

6. **Amend the Senate Bylaws, Article VIII** presented by the University Statutes and Senate Bylaws Committee; John Duffield, chair. This amendment will update the membership and duties of the Athletics Committee. The question was called. The motion passed.

C. **Nominations Report** presented by the Nominations Committee; Don Reitzes for Shelby Frost, chair. The report was presented as distributed. The question was called and the motion passed.

The chair reviewed the three information items that were included in the Senators’ packets.

**SPEAKER:** Dean of Libraries Nan Seamans gave a presentation on the implications of the new Strategic Plan for the University Library. She gave an overview of what patrons should expect from a research library at a research university and what the University Library is currently able to provide.

The chair announced the six senators who will serve on the Senate Executive Committee for the 2011-2012 Senate year: Siva Nathan, Paul Alberto, Cecelia Grindel, Rose Sevcik, Don Reitzes, and Jeff Rupp.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Since there was no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Nell Stone
Secretary to the Senate